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¶1. (C) SUMMARY: The GOI has entered into two new agreements
focused on counter-narcotics and combating transnational
crime. The first agreement involves the Indonesian National
Narcotics Board (BNN) and the Philippines Drug Enforcement
Agency (PDEA). The other involves BNN and the Indonesian
Navy. Our Indonesian contacts tell us that they are
confident that the agreements--one regional and one
intra-governmental--will enhance the GOI's capability to
counter drug trafficking and other criminal activities. END
SUMMARY.

AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPPINE COUNTERPART

¶2. (SBU) Two new agreements should increase the GOI's
capabilities in the counter-narcotics area. An October 31
memorandum of understanding involving the BNN and the
Philippines Drug Enforcement Agency was the first formal
agreement between Indonesian and Philippine law enforcement
organizations. The MOU facilitates sharing of
counter-narcotics information through the two countries'
U.S.-supported national interagency fusion centers (IFCs),
with plans to later include regional out-stations. BNN has
told us that it would eventually like there to be joint
operations involving the two countries and their law
enforcement organizations.

IMPROVING INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

¶3. (SBU) The November 21 agreement between BNN and the
Indonesian Navy is also important. The intra-governmental
MOU establishes an Indonesian framework for conducting
interagency counter-narcotics operations. Per the MOU, which
is the first involving the BNN and the Indonesian military,
the Indonesian Navy would provide security and transportation
for BNN and inter-agency partners in maritime operations.

¶4. (C) Despite the agreement, the long-standing
institutional rivalry between the Indonesian military and the
police remains an issue. That said, the BNN and the Navy are
now working to cement elements of their cooperation. On
December 2, for example, BNN hosted a basic intelligence

training session for 35 junior and mid-level military police
officers from the Indonesian Navy. Some Indonesian Army and
Air Force personnel also participated in the training. BNN
is also currently developing Standard Operating Procedures
(SOPs) to institutionalize elements of cooperation on
maritime operations with the Navy. In the meantime, the USG
is looking into requests by BNN for maritime training
support.

AN ORGANIZATION ON THE UPSWING

¶5. (C) BNN is steadily becoming a more effective
organization, making gains in the areas of information
collection and operations. This, thanks to sound leadership
and also international assistance, including that from the
U.S. USG support, in particular, is key, as it directly
improves BNN's capacity to track narcotics-related and other
transnational crimes.

¶6. (C) The MOU's signed in recent weeks--one with the PDEA
and the other with the Indonesian Navy--should enhance the
BNN's capacity to gather counter-narcotics information and to
carry out interagency operations. Even with the conclusion
of the MOU with the Navy, however, GOI interagency
coordination writ large needs further work and the BNN
leadership knows that.

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